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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by the San Joaquin Association at their meeting at Porterville, October 21, 1929, and voted to be printed in The Pacific:

"We hereby express our highest appreciation of the work that Dr. W. J. Minchin has done during the past seven years of his superintendency of the Northern California Conference, and through it the contribution he has made, not only to the financial condition of the Conference and the increase in the membership, but also for the influence of his fine spirit and inspiring character upon all who have had contact with him.

"We also express our sincere regret that he has found it necessary to retire from this service; and our hope that Dr. Minchin be spared to render in some similar sphere great service in the future."

THANKOFFERING LETTER FOR NOVEMBER

Dear Friends:

The national Thanksgiving festival makes November a thanksgiving month to us, and how fitting that we should express with a gift our gratitude for gifts received.

We need only to pause for a moment to find how many things we have had during the year to be thankful for. The first is that as a Congregational fellowship the Thankoffering is coming to be an acknowledged part of our whole work, and some of us are feeling that it is the very central part, the root, so to speak, which flowers in our whole giving.

Second, we are grateful that the state superintendents are becoming more and more committed to the Thankoffering plan. While only thirteen states are definitely committed to the National Thankoffering object, yet we are sure of gifts from other states, and words of sympathy and encouragement have come from states which must limit their efforts, as states, to raising their apportionment.

Third, and perhaps most of all, we are grateful that we can have a part in helping the loyal workers in Africa, who have toiled faithfully in the face of such difficulties for fifty years.

In talking with a friend this morning she said: "In order to make our religious beliefs vital and, so to speak, automatic in their control of our lives, they need to be imbedded in the subconscious mind by being held before the attention accompanied by a strong emotion. The most appropriate emotion is **gratitude.** In addition to vitalizing our religious beliefs, gratitude invigorates both body and spirit. It brings about an enlargement of life."

What was your Thankoffering last year? Does that amount fully express your gratitude for the blessing which have come to you as an individual, to your church, to your state; for that greatest blessing of all, Jesus Christ, the center of your life? Think it over carefully and prayerfully. Remember that our aim as a nationwide fellowship is $30,000 toward the Jubilee Building Fund of the West Africa Mission.

Thankoffering invitations, envelopes, services, plays and other supplies may be obtained from the nearest office of the Commission on Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City; 14 Beacon Street, Boston; 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago, 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

Send all Thankofferings, whether for the national object or not, to your State Conference office, plainly marked "Thankoffering from ..... Church;" if for Africa, add, "For Jubilee Building Fund, West Africa Mission."

Lydia Lord Davis,
Chairman National Thankoffering Commission.

A CALLER

We can't really call her a visitor, for she is with us for such a short time. Miss Lucille Day, of Brousa, Turkey, will be with us for the three days following Thanksgiving, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 29, 30 and December 1. We hope as many as possible of our people will have an opportunity to say "howdy" to her; a few will have a chance to hear her speak. Miss Day is particularly interested in young people, and wants to meet as many as she can. She is planning meetings with groups of Student Volunteers around the Bay, as well as speaking in our churches at the Sunday services. Miss Day will speak Sunday morning at North Church, Berkeley, and in the evening at Plymouth Church, Oakland.

OUR OCTOBER RALLY

Our financial outlook was not very promising when we closed our books September 30th. We had the largest operating deficit in the present administration. We sent forth our appeal for an early remittance of funds and closed the books October 31st with the largest receipts in our history save the usual heavy receipts of December. We are now $1,500 ahead of last year but because of numerous designations we are still far in arrears in our operation. It was a wonderful response. We still need your help.

THE GUEST BOOK

We had 3,000 Guest Books. They went out in record time. We have heard very favorable comments on the value of this literature. The edition was exhausted at an early date. The Commission on Missions decided to print another edition. Inasmuch as they are not dated they can be used at any season. If there are churches that would like copies we can supply them when the new issue is out. Send your order early that we may know how many to secure.

LOOK UP!

At the top of this page, just below your address. You will see there the date of the expiration of your subscription to The Pacific. If it has expired, will you please send in your renewal right away? We have written to a few whose subscriptions have expired, but if we have to keep this up at the rate we are going, it will take some time. It will mean about 600 letters altogether. Won't you save us the necessity of having to write to you? We will appreciate your cooperation in this.

"PLAN OF ADVANCE"

The **"Plan of Advance"** was adopted by the National Council of the Congregational Churches at its biennial meeting last June in Detroit, Mich., and its direction entrusted to the Commission on Missions. The commission has provided for co-leadership by electing Miss Preston secretary co-ordinate with the Rev. Dr. Charles C. Merrill who has been secretary of the commission since 1926.

This arrangement for co-leadership by a man and a women who are co-ordinate secretaries is believed to be a unique departure inaugurated by Congregationalists in national church work. It was first introduced three years ago in the foreign mission board following the unification of the separate women's boards with the general boards of the denomination.

The Case for the Advance

The appeal is not made on general principles. There is a genuine case for the advance. Each great missionary organization has submitted its case. The details set forth, with figures, in the "Data Book," for all who will go into the appeal by chapter and verse. In suggestive sentence summaries this is the case for the advance:

The American Board faces the necessities of its older missions in India, China and Japan; to establish a new mission in Lobito Bay in Portuguese West Africa, where opportunity and strategy unite in a call that refuses to be silenced; and to influence the whole alert Mohammedan world to a degree heretofore impossible, through Turkey whose new civilization is the wonder of the Moslems of Persia, Arabia, India and Egypt. It seems like "sleeping at the switch" not to arise with all the influences of the Gospel in such an unheard-of hour.

The Home Missionary Society needs to revive work in several of our most undeveloped states which in the last year or two has been thrown overboard to lighten the ship. In many instances urgent, non-competitive calls have been refused because the cries of those whose rights are paramount are so much louder. The Society and its allied Extension Boards is not meeting Congregational obligations to do our share in keeping America Christian.

The American Missionary Association must meet the new order in the South where it has been given greater tasks by the increasing conversion of the white people to the necessity of themselves supporting public schools for colored children. The A. M. A. has still much primary work to do, but it has now also to lead the way in schools preparatory for colored teachers. It staggers under a "weight of glory." These schools cannot be run nowadays with instructors at $200 a season.

The Education Society is under great pressure for leadership training, for Christian influences of the highest order in state universities, for a new department of young people's work,—our denomination of all the larger churches being in danger of a blind spot in this eye.

The Ministerial Relief requires say $25,000 more, so that our aged ministers, or their widows, may have a more generous allowance, if not then equal to what some other American churches do for their ministers who are too old to benefit by such modern systems as the Pilgrim Memorial Fund. There are truly a lot of Congregational ministerial doorsteps where wolves are wont to sit. Let us drive them away.

The "Advance" movement is said to be necessary because "churches must advance in an advancing world or die on their feet," and while there has been encouraging growth on the part of the local churches, "Congregational response to the wider need of the nation and of lands over-seas, has been lagging." An increase of at least twenty per cent or $600,000 in the contributions for the unified Congregational mission work which includes educational and benevolent activities as well as church extension in this country and abroad, will be sought during 1930. It is expected that $200,000 of the increase will be under-written in large gifts conditional upon a gain of $400,000 in the regular contributions made through the churches. The annual every-member canvass for pledges toward both mission work and local expenses will be taken in the most of the churches during the week beginning Sunday, December 8.

THE LOYALTY CRUSADE

Churches that embarked upon this campaign report worthwhile results. There is the fear that the methods are too mechanical to have lasting value. Our ministers sensing this will endeavor to conserve the spiritual values even though they fail to keep the record goals established. Word comes that we are soon to celebrate the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost. We will do it in typical manner. We will know much more about that great occasion and satisfy ourselves with our celebrations. Query—Will we have another Pentecost? Before the celebration it may be well to find out the terms on which a Pentecost may be attained. If the present campaign recreates loyalty the cost will come in much self-denial if not in actual confession of much that has been mistaken for loyalty.

NEW LEAFLET OUT

The Commission on Missions is putting out a new leaflet on the Christian Use of Money, somewhat similar to the one published last year, of which over 90,000 were sent out. The leaflet is in the form of a discussion incentive. The men, particularly those who disapprove of the way church finances are handled, should find this a very interesting leaflet.

One comes around the world conscious more and more of our own limitations; humble at the thought of our great wrongs in a land called Christian, but conscious too of the wonderful group of fellow-Christians around the world. "Who serves my Father as a son, is surely kin to me."

—Ruth Seabury.

NEW BUILDING FOR BROADMOOR CHURCH BECOMING REALITY

Broadmoor Church new building is under construction. The excavation was begun September 25th, the foundation is in, the rough floors are laid, the studdings are up, the large, heavy roof trusses and rafters are in place and the tile roof will be completed within two weeks. Then rain will be welcome.

The Spanish type of architecture of the church is in keeping with the type of homes in the immediate vicinity and the beauty of the building will be an asset of considerable value to the community. The location is ideal as it is at a point where five streets come together and just across from the grammar school where 800 children attend.

The size of the building and the economy and adaptability of the various rooms has appealed to business men. One firm increased its subscription by $100 when the unique plans were explained to the manager.

The present church quarters are so crowded as to necessitate the use of the auditorium of the grammar school across the way to accommodate the Primary and Kindergarten Departments of the Sunday School.

HAYWARD APPRECIATES CHURCH

An editorial in the Hayward paper recently, shows that the town appreciates the efforts the church is making, under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Day, to have the church grounds a beauty spot in the town. We give a portion of this editorial below:

An Old-Time Church In An Old-Time Garden Interprets Joyous Play Ground Religion

Well Tended Flower Beds and Modern Playground in Connection With Eden Congregational Church Demonstration of a City Beautiful

The "Church in the Garden" is one of Hayward's outstanding worth-while enterprises.

In the early days, back in the '60's, men and women wrought wisely and well for Hayward's future in purchasing the valuable land at A and First street, where today is located in the heart of this rapidly growing city, the property of the Eden Congregational church.

The building, erected in 1868, is one of the oldest in Alameda county. Quaint New England type, sturdy and steadfast, expressive of the church that has lived and survived the modern in architecture as well as the increasing trend toward replacing church property with business structures. But only in these two respects has the church held to oild-time ideas.

Today, the Eden Congregational church is in the forefront, so far as the program of religious education is concerned.

The church and the garden form a living demonstration of the City Beautiful.

The luxuriant beds of flowers with colorful blossoms catch the attention and hold the interest of every passer-by suggesting a correct and pleasing landscaping for home, school or park. Neatness and thorough culture are an example and an inspiration.

The parsonage in the rear and the playground adjoining complete the program of the "church up-to-date." The playground is equipped by the city and the service clubs and will be used as a laboratory to teach and train in good citizenship and character building.

Fair Play! Good Sportsmanship! Character Fundamentals! These are the motivating forces behind activities at the out-door school of life training. A supervisor paid by the city is to be in charge.

An attractive pergola where mothers can be comfortable while the youngsters play and learn, is a part of the plan.

More power to such a plan.

No investment that Hayward could make will pay better dividends. Judge Harder says in an interview in this department this week, "Our boys and girls are our biggest asset." Young folks thus entertained and educated will be the kind of material out of which to make citizens for a greater Hayward. "We need leadership," states another business man in this week's interviews. What better way to train for future leadership?

Dr. Richard C. Day, pastor of this up and coming Congregational church was educated in Berkeley. He has served churches in Washington and Oregon but California is his best love and the splendid work he is doing in this church enterprise will reflect credit and honor upon him both in the local association and is certain to attract attention of the national Congregational leaders, bringing Hayward into the limelight in a most advantageous manner.

BENEVOLENCES

January 11th-October 31st, 1929

Adin	$ 101.57
Alameda First	130.00
Alturas	40.00
Berkeley First	6,599.94
Berkeley North	1,348.98
Berkeley Park	131.38
Campbell	112.00
Ceres	550.00
Cloverdale	253.20
Cotati	55.64
Crockett	118.06
Eureka First	230.85
Fairfax	35.00
Ferndale	108.45
Fresno First	522.65
Grass Valley	96.80
Lockeford	15.00
Lodi First	1,045.00
Loomis	5.00
Los Gatos	44.91
Martinez	235.76
Murphys	60.00
Niles	53.57
Oakland First	5,101.15
Oakland Olivet	93.26
Oakland Pilgrim	272.28
Oakland Plymouth	744.79
Orland	30.00
Oroville	142.22
Pacific Grove	377.55
Palermo	10.00
Palo Alto	1,470.95
Paradise	75.00
Petaluma	238.50
Pittsburg	55.50
Porterville	85.00
Redwood City	557.35
Reno, Nev.	361.88
Rio Vista	10.00
Ripon	19.49
Sacramento	683.20
Salida	21.00
San Francisco, Beth	150.00
San Francisco Calvary	20.00
San Francisco First	2,250.00
San Francisco Richmond	57.02
San Jose	909.05
San Leandro	52.45
San Mateo	10.00
San Rafael	5.00
Santa Cruz	656.41
Santa Rosa First	397.76
Saratoga	672.23
Sebastopol	34.70
Sonoma	234.02
Stockton	1,542.00
Suisun N.	3.25
Sunnyvale	50.00
Tulare	168.25
Weaverville	48.00
Williams	14.00
Woodside	108.50
Miscellaneous	3,524.80
Total	$33,150.32

CERES

The two Christian Endeavor societies of the Ceres church, Intermediate and Senior, have recently changed the lighting system of the church, making it of modern type, and have presented it to the church with their compliments! It is a very acceptable and beautiful gift, and one much appreciated by the church.

"PAYING OUR DEBTS"

When Paul said "I am a debtor to the Greek and the barbarian," he no doubt realized how much easier it was to discharge the obligation to the refined and cultured Greek than the rough and uncouth barbarian.

It is easy for some of us to weep over the Chinaman in Shanghai or the Indian in Bombay, but when he lives in our midst, or moves into the house next door, it's a horse of another color. Folks in Boston have nothing but admiration for the mounted Indian of bronze guarding the entrance to the Art Gallery, but when living in daily contact with members of his race who do not live up to the high traditions which evoke our highest praise, there is a danger of forgetting their prior right to the country we live in; and certainly a tendency to forget the Biblical admonition "to owe no man anything, save to love him."

Desiring to discharge a art of our debt to the Indians of Northern California we journeyed with a party to visit by invitation at the Government reservation for Indians at Table Bluff. Our party was made up of a real estate man, two ministers and their wives. On arrival at the small reservation we could not but think of the East Indian among whom we worked for so many years. There were many points of difference to be observed, it is true, but there were many more points of resemblance in evidence.

The house in which we met, the home of a Christian family, was small but neat. There were forty of us packed on benches into an average-sized room. People of all ages were there. Some blind or nearly so, others were halting and lame; but all had the proud bearing of the North American Indian. Tattoo marks indicating pure blood were evident, and we thought of the cord of the Brahmin, indicating his high birth. Colored Bible roll pictures covered the walls, as they do in every village school in India. No plans had been made for the conduct of the service, for they expected to hear from the visitors, hence the lot fell to the man who had been a missionary in India to do the talking.

Seeking for a text we obtained a response from a little lad named Aaron. (Just like the Indian again, with their love for Bible names.) Aaron repeated the 23rd psalm, and we gained the interest of the group by telling them of those "other sheep" we know so well, concluding by telling them of the Good Shepherd's plans for us on this earth made new when God's will should be done as it is in Heaven.

We came away feeling that the experience had increased our debt to our Indian brother, for we had been the gainer by it.

And while this is being written a car bearing a Massachusetts number plate is leaving the city carrying a group of earnest, consecrated people to the Indians on the Klamath River, the Lanes from Northfield, who are going to spend the winter on the Klamath River. It is not an unusual thing for Easterners to spend the winter in California, but instead of spending it at some fashionable beach resort, they will be working among the Indians in that isolated and almost inaccessible territory, seeking to pay the debt we owe to the "barbarian." Are you paying yours?

C. H. Hudson.

STOCKTON

Stockton is dedicating as we go to press. A full account will be given in the next issue.

"TOGETHER"

One recalls at this time the great moments in Congregationalism, when our entire body of churches seem to have tightened up their belt and in a splendid spirit of unity accomplished some great task which they had set for themselves. Within the memory of many there is the "Together Campaign" of twenty yeasr ago, when our missionary work was loaded with debt and there was depression on every hand. By means of this united movement the debts were cleared and a new era inaugurated. In a similar way there was the fine success of the Congregational World Movement.

Once more, as states, as ministers as churches, we are called upon for a vast united effort. One uses the term "states" advisedly, since there is particular dependence upon the state organization, in the present Plan of Advance. As far as the churches are concerned, how good it will be to think of our churches engaged in the reading of the Guest Book at approximately the same time this fall; of the meetings they will hold for the adoption of more adequate and more sacrificial goals than they have ever had before; and finally, of an Enlistment Sunday when the members of the churches will go forward and lay their pledges upon the altar as a symbol of renewed dedication to the entire work of the Kingdom. While all this will be done with a fine spirit of unity, yet there will be such freedom in method and in detail as to make it a genuine Congregational effort.

It is indeed a time of uncertainty with regard to many things. But must we not heed the word of President Roosevelt, who in substance said, "When in doubt, go ahead?" In the present instance let us remember that we are planning to go forward with **Christ.**

Charles C. Merrill.

PERSONALS

Rev. Henry Stauffer of Berkeley is serving as a stated supply at Antioch. He has outlined a definite program with the thought of preparing the way for a new minister. Antioch is making rapid growth as a residential center taking care of the overflow in Pittsburg.

Rev. George E. Atkinson of Ceres has been called to Sebastopol to succeed Rev. D. Bent Naylor. Mr. Atkinson has had long and effective service at Ceres.

Rev. F. E. Boren of Eureka is taking care of the work at Field's Landing. This little church shows signs of renewing life with the acquisition of its new edifice. Word comes that it is completed and will soon be dedicated.

Rev. George A. Charnock and wife plan to visit England for a prolonged stay. They will be there during the International Council of Congregational Churches to be held at Bournemouth July 1-8. We bid them bon voyage.

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

CONGREGATIONALISM IN MEXICO

At a meeting of former members of he Mexico Mission in a picnic at Ganesha Park, Pomona, the enclosed paper was read and approved unanmously, and it was recommended that t be presented to our denominational papers for publication.

THE REASON WHY

During the recent Seminar led by Rubert Herring in Mexico City an nformal meeting was held of the Congregational members and a few other interested friends, to consider he work of the Mexico Mission of our denomination, and, presumably, ts needs, or policy, for the future. The members had been visiting the churches and schools of the other denominations, and the fact had been brought out that many, if not most, of these had been much more successful than ours in reaching a larger number of members and attaining a larger degree of self-support. It was stressed that while at present we have only about 800 church members in all of our churches in Mexico, at least one other denomination has about 5000, and while we have not a single self-supporting church, that denomination has a good many. Whether it was expressly stated or not, the evident deduction would be that either there had been a lack of good judgment on the part of the missionaries, or a lack of ability, or both. The inference seemed to be that it is useless to continue to push the evangelistic work in that field, and that it would be better to limit our missionary work to educational lines, in which it seemed to be admitted that our Mission is doing well.

Would not the logical conclusion seem to be that if there had been a lack in pushing evangelistic work in the past, the proper remedy would be to push it harder and better in the future?

However, before all, it seems to some of us that justice demands a clear, succinct statement of the reasons why our denomination has made such poor progress in gaining numbers into the churches, and has done so little toward self-support. We believe that there are such reasons, and that they should be given publicity.

I. The Appropriations

The records of the American Board will show what these were, and a comparison of these with those made by the other boards and the donations not reported directly by these boards will show that our Mission received so much less than most of the others that it is ridiculous to compare results. One school, in a place in which we were then working, received a larger appropriation for its work than our whole mission for all of its evangelistic, and educational work and missionary salaries, that is, our whole appropriation. A similar disproportion will be seen between the number of missionaries employed by those denominations and our own. One, in particular, has twenty-six missionaries under appointment to our seven, and reports forty-eight Mexican preachers to our eleven. It has been said by those not of our denomination that the Congregationalists have accomplished fully as much in proportion to the amount of money grtnted them as any denomination in the field.

II. Changes of Field

Few, if any, of the other denominations have suffered such radical changes in the field occupied. Our first effort, after ten years of great, if not unequalled success in evangelistic labors and the establishment of a large number of churches, was turned over to another denomination by the missionary in charge, who claimed that he took with him 3000 members originally Congregational. So, after ten years of labor, our mission started again without a member. At that time it was decided to have two missions, one in the north, and the other in the westrn part. The northern field was especially responsive to evangelistic efforts, and churches were organized in considerable number, and there was prospect of increase and self-support equal to that of any other denomination, while the western mission was in the center of the most fanatical region of the republic.

Then came the "Cincinnati Plan," by which eight of the principal denominations cooperated in various ways including that of apportioning a definite territory to each, so as to avoid overlapping. Our mission, ever eager to promote cooperation and even union, where possible, heartily adopted this plan, and the northern part of the country was assigned to us, including the part in which we had developed our evangelistic work chiefly. We transferred all from the western mission to the other, turning over to another denomination the churches and schools established there.

Unfortunately, this assignment was not pleasing to the other denomination chiefly interested in these two fields, and after four years we acceded to their request, and turned over to them all the work in the north, taking up the field which we now occupy, or try to occupy, and practically starting anew again.

Such changes and wholesale transferral of membership has inevitably reduced the number of members and hindered the development of self-support.

III. The Character of the Field

The fact that we have present so small a number of members in our whole field is to be explained in part, also, by its character. Our territory lies along the west coast, with a turn into the interior at Guadalajara. We have never had work in Mexico City because so many of the other denominations had already entered that field before us, and we have always chosen unoccupied territory. We have assigned to us about one-fourth of the country, with less than one-seventh of the population. Along the coast the settlement is very sparse, and only in the state of Jalisco do we find towns and cities of importance, and these are of the most fanatical and hard to be reached of any in the republic. Then also, just at the time that we were assigned this, to us, new territory, whereby evangelistic work by foreigners was strictly forbidden, and the opening of new places of worship by any one was made extremely difficult. Immediate expansion of the numbers of members seems to be almost impossible just now, and consequently, increase in self-support cannot be expected at present.

It seems to us that a fair consideration of these three facts will reasonably explain the present condition without unduly belittling the work done by the mission so far.

It may be said that these considerations would lead to the abandonment of further efforts along evangelistic lines. This does not seem to us either logical, or advisable. In the first place, the need for evangelistic work of the right sort is greater than ever: in the second, response to it is quicker; in the third, the probability that the evident sympathy with our work by those in power will soon lead to a modification of the laws in our favor; and in the fourth, our schools are continuing to supply us with young Mexican material prepared for just this work, and eager to take it up.

As a last word we would say, the past is gone. Let it go! But for the future, let us push the evangelistic work as well as the educational as we have never done before. Let us supply the money and the men needed, and we may be sure that results will follow. Mexico needs religious and inspirational renovation and help fully as much as educational.

ALFRED C. WRIGHT,
Claremont, Calif.

BOARD MEETING

September 10, 1929.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Californie Congregational Conference was held Tuesday, September 10, 1929, at 9:45 a. m. at the First Congregational Church, 845 South Hope street, Los Angeles, California.

Members present: Revs. Donat, Knight, Ferris, Hartshorn, Norton, Burr, Booth, Schrock, Gaylord, and Messrs. Weitkamp, Franklin, Brown, Wilcox, Mesdames Cliff, Davies, Dole, Lash, Hand, Way, Miss Reid; Dr. Kenngott, Mr. Waterhouse, Mr. Buckham and Rev. Samuel Hitchcock.

The resignation of Rev. Anton M. Hanson from the Board was presented, the reason given being that he has not sufficient strength to undertake additional work outside of his pastoral duties. The resignation was accepted with regret and Rev. H. C. Culbertson was chosen to succeed him until the next meeting of the Conference.

Waterhouse proposed that the Santa Maria work for which we have been giving $15.00 a month be increased to $25.00 a month for the remainder of the year, with the expectation that other denominations, Presbyterian, Methodist and Christian would do the same, and that the $10.00 additional be transferred from the Pasadena Japanese church grant, provided they can raise this amount by additional canvass.

Rincon: It was voted that the superintendent be authorized to follow up the matter of clearing our title to the Rincon property. The county is widening the street fronting on our property to 80 feet and asks us to grant them 20 feet from our property and that we will have no assessments. Voted to grant them the 20 feet free provided there are no assessments.

Calexico: The Church Building Society balance is $226.32 and as our agreement with the building society was that we would reimburse them for this amount providing they transferred the $500.00 to the grant fund, it was voted that the church be urged to pay this amount.

Yosemite: A letter was received asking the the Southern California Conference to appropriate $200.00 for the work at Yosemite. It was suggested that the northern conference might take this over as Yosemite is in their territory. The executive officers were authorized as a committee to confer with the northern conference on funds to be used in extra-denominational activities.

Jewish Work: A letter from Dr. Brieglib in relation to the Jewish work that is now being carried on was received, asking cooperation and the appointment of a representative to meet with them. The matter was referred to the Committee on Missionary Grants to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Religious Education: Dr. Gaylord reported that there was tentatively proposed a trip next summer to the Orient, Mr. Waterhouse to supervise a group of boys and Mrs. Gaylord a girls group of nine each. Recommended that Mr. Waterhouse be released for not to exceed eleven weeks trip next summer. The trip proposed would take young people of college age, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord accompanying the party, and that the committee had in mind later a similar trip to Mexico under the supervision of Dr. Kenngott.

New York: A letter was received urging that the work at Santa Monica allocation be undertaken at once, and this matter was referred to the New York committee.

Ministerial Relief: Dr. Norton reports that the Ministerial Relief Society had not taken over the work July 1st, as formerly proposed, but that negotiations were under way as per our former agreement and it was voted that they begin October 1st.

Benevolence and Apportionment: Mr. Donat reported for the committee that they had approved the Plan of Advance and the Guest Book and that the superintendent be urged to follow up this matter, with a general letter to all of the churches. Adopted.

West Coast of Mexico: Mr. Wilcox reported that Mr. Allen's term as a member of the West Coast of Mexico committee expired, as she had drawn the one year term. Voted, that Mrs. Allen be re-elected for the full term, which is seven years. Mrs. Wilcox reported that the Mazatlan school funds apparently had $35,000.00 of the proposed $40,000.00 in sight and for Los Mochis about $60,000 was in sight. As Dr. Blaisdell has resigned, being unable to serve as a representative of the American board on this committee, the American board nominated Dr. Stauffacher. It was voted that we elect Dr. Stauffacher as a member of the committee.

Forward Movement Campaign: Dr. Weitkamp reported that nothing special was being done now, but the committee expected to keep on quietly interviewing, as occasion might offer, those who they might interest in this work.

The Pacific: The Pacific was discussed after hearing a letter from Dr. Minchin and the sentiment was that this paper should be continued.

A letter was received from the Sunday School Association asking $200.00 for use for Mexican Religious Educational Secretary. This letter was referred to the West Coast of Mexico Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

Voted to adjourn until October for the Executive Committee and November for the meeting of the board.

(Signed) SAMUEL HITCHCOCK,
Scribe.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Congregational Conference met at the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, October 9, 1929.

Those present were Revs. Perry F. Schrock, Samuel Hitchcock, Holland Burr, Luther Freeman, E. D. Gaylord, Mr. Blake Franklin, Mrs. Adams, also Dr. George F. Kenngott.

The printed report of the treasurer was presented by Dr. Kenngott and he explained some of the items. An overdraft of $19,000.00 was partly due to the recent building projects in which we have paid something over $17,000.00. The report was received and ordered filed.

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FINANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Mojave—The Methodist Conference at its recent meeting voted to transfer to us the Mojave property at $1.00. Voted: That we pay the expenses of the transfer.

Montebello—The property at Montebello, on account of road widening, has been taken over by the city and we have moved our building across the street. The city paid a certain amount and it is likely that there will be between $700.00 and $800.00 remaining in the fund after moving expenses have been paid and the assessments on the street. Voted: That whatever remains in this fund over and above the actual expense of moving and assessment be used in much-needed repairs for the building, provided the local church will raise the additional money to complete the repairs.

Kensington Heights—The following resolution was passed on the Kensington Heights property in San Diego:

RESOLVED: That this Conference obtain from the Congregational Church Building Society the sum of two thousand ($2,000.00) dollars, to be secured by a grant mortgage on the property hereinafter described, and the sum of three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars, to be secured by a loan mortgage on the same property, and that the president and secretary of this Conference, as the act and deed of this Conference, and on its behalf, execute and deliver to said Congregational Church Building Society a grant and loan mortgage in the form prescribed by and in use by said Building Society in similar transactions on the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots one (1) and two (2), block fifteen (15), Kensington Park, County of San Diego, State of California, according to map thereof No. 1245 filed in the office of the County Recorder of said San Diego County, April 8, 1910.

MISSIONARY GRANTS

West Hollywood (Sherman)—Requests that the Conference recommend to the Building Society the subordination of their grant and loan mortgage to a bank loan of $20,000.00, which is covered by their present cash and pledges. The recommendation was approved and the petition will go to the society.

Shafter is now under the supervision of Mr. John T. Macdonald of Wasco, and it was voted to transfer the amount voted to Mr. Waldo of $25.00 a month, to Mr. Macdonald.

Nuevo—Mr. Pinkerton having resigned and now having only Glen Avon to serve, the matter of the divided Missionary Grant was considered. This matter and kindred subjects was referred with power to act to a committee composed of Supt. Kenngott and Dr. Freeman.

The question of the power of the directors in the termination of pastorates where most or all of the aid is from missionary grant, was considered, and a committee consisting of the chairman of the Finance Committee, Rev. P. F. Schrock, chairman of the Missionary Grants Committee, Rev. Luther Freeman, Mr. Franklin, Moderator and Dr. Kenngott, Supt., was appointed to consider necessary action and perhaps an amendment to the printed form of application blank now being used.

West Coast of Mexico—It was announced that the architect and Mr. Wilcox plan soon to visit the Mazatlan field; that about $35,000.00 including the $12,000.00 from the Women's Society, was raised and that when $40,000.00 was in hand they plan to build the building for the girls' school.

Plan of Advance—The Plan of Advance for the Every Member Canvass was approved. A communication from the Commission on Missions was received telling of conditional gifts providing the twenty per cent increase was accomplished. The committee approved the goal of a twenty per cent increase from each church.

The meeting adjourned.

FORWARD MOVEMENT

The following letter was issued recently by the Forward Movement Committee, Dr. A. H. Weitkamp, Chairman:

At the annual meeting of the Conference at Redlands in 1927, it was voted: "To instruct the directors to endeavor to raise $20,000.00 a year as an extra over and above the apportionment for the next five years for new work in the Conference." In accordance with those instructions, the Committees on Finance and Real Estate, New Work and Benevolence, were asked to undertake the task, so that these three committees constitute the Forward Movement Campaign Committee.

The Conference at Santa Ana in 1928 adopted a "Declaration of Principles for the Establishment of a Southern California Congregational Foundation Fund." In pursuance of this action Mr. W. H. Day was employed for a brief period to undertake the canvass. Subsequently, Mrs. G. H. Schulte, Chairman of the Committee, gave several weeks voluntarily for its continuance, and then last spring Mr. Frank C. Rulon of Cleveland, Ohio, was employed.

The results thus far are represented by pledges amounting to $13,087.00; cash receipts, $712.00, making a total of $13,799. The expenses have amounted to $2,287.00. It will be observed that thus far the Conference has paid out in cash $1,575.00 more than it has received.

Consideration was given to the matter at the annual meeting of the Conference in Pasadena, May 14, 1929, and the following action was taken: "Forward Movement Fund was strongly presented in resolutions by Rev. E. D. Gaylord. The Conference again approved in principle the establishment of a Forward Movement Fund and recommited its promotion to the Board of Directors."

It is hoped that those who have pledged will make payments thereon as soon as possible, and that others who have not yet pledged will do so. The Committee for the Forward Movement Campaign consists of the following persons: Dr. A. H. Weitkamp, chairman; Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Mr. J. S. Edwards, Mrs. James H. Lash, Rev. H. K. Booth, Mr. W. S. Grandy, Rev. H. C. Culbertson, Judge R. D. Brown, Rev. C. L. Knight, Miss Gertrude Reid, Rev. Holland F. Burr, Mrs. Howard Way, Revs. E. D. Gaylord, A. S. Donat, Chester Ferris and Mrs. A. M. Dole.

The committee hopes that you and your church will do all you can in behalf of this important measure. If you will send us names of persons of financial resources who could be interested in the project, please send the names and addresses to the Conference office.

NATIONAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Council at Detroit took the following important actions:

"That State Conferences and District Associations be advised to grant affiliated membership rather than full membership to ministers of other denominations who have reason to maintain double relationship."

This action was taken particularly for the federated church whose ministers sometimes feel it necessary to ask for membership in Congregational Associations while still continuing their membership with other denominations. It seemed desirable to make two bodies responsible for ministerial standing, and the Council confirmed this opinion by approving the recommendation.

That to the provisions in the resolution of the National Council in 1886, the first of which reads "Resolved: That standing in the Congregational ministry is acquired by the fulfillment of these three conditions, namely, (1) membership in a Congregational church," there be added the words "or in any evangelical church not associated with another denomination," the remainder of the resolution to be unchanged.

This means that undenominational community churches might receive their pastors into church membership without jeopardizing their ministerial standing. This of course depends upon the constitution and by-laws of the associations, and is the recommendation of the National Council that this provision be incorporated.

"The National Council recommends that when the Nominating Commitee of a State Conference is not a standing committee, nominations of the state representatives for these Boards be made by the Board of Directors or Trustees of such conference."

The point here is that where nominating committees are appointed to serve at a given meeting only, they could hardly be expected to give adequate attention to the selection of the representatives of the state on the National Boards; that in such case the Conference be urged to commit the selecting of these representatives to its Board of Directors.

EUROPEAN TOUR

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, of the Mission Hills Church, San Diego, is planning to take a party of young women to the Passion Play at Oberammergau next summer. The cost for 67 days will be $824.50. This will include all expenses through England, Belgium, Holland, The Rhine, Bavaria, Oberammergau, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France, from New York to New York. There are still vacancies in the party. Mrs. Wilson will be glad to go over detailed plans with young women who may be contemplating such a pleasurable and educational tour.

The Mission Hills Church has purchased some new hymn books, "The Junior Church Hymnal," and "The Church School Hymnal for Youth." It is hoped that these new song books will stimulate the singing, and enrich the worship, in the two higher departments of the church school. Any church considering new hymnals should order them through the Book Room. Sample copies can be secured at any time.

FORTIETH ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Southern California Council of Religious Education held its annual convention in Long Beach, for three days, beginning October 22. There were more than ten times as many registrations at this convention than at the last convention, which was held at Santa Ana. The convention was divided into various conferences, such as "Music in Religious Education," "Leadership Training," "Week Day Religious Education," "Church School Administration," and "Field Organization." There as a larger attendance at some of these conferences than at the whole of the Santa Ana convention. Not only in point of numbers, but also in standard of work and in enthusiasm. The Council reported that during the year it had paid off over seven hundred dollars of the old debt, and had in addition invested over $2,000 in Idyllwild Conference Grounds. Plans were made for a special drive to clear off all of the remaining debt before the new year. An appeal was made to all the Sunday Schools in Southern California to support this work. Has your Sunday School made any contribution to this important work?

46 MEMBERS IN ONE DAY CLAREMONT CHURCH RECEIVES

On November 3, the Claremont Church received into its membership thirty-eight persons by letter and eight on Confession of Faith, making a total of forty-six members. At the evening service Dr. J. B. Appleton of Scripps College gave an address on "With Allenby and Lawrence in Palestine and Arabia." The lecture was illustrated with slides made from pictures taken by Dr. Appleton himself.

PASADENA FIRST HAS UNIQUE CONCERT

The Choir of the First Church of Pasadena sponsored a concert, presenting Raimundo Marquez, Jr., the twelve-year-old child wonder-pianist, assisted by Maria Marquez, a little six-year-old prima donna. Master Marquez is unique in the musical world, having committed to memory more than five hundred pages of classical music of such masters as Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin, Mozart, and many others. Beginning at the age of five, he has appeared in over 300 formal recitals. Needless to say, the concert was a great success.

WHITTIER YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ORIENT

Homer Elliott, Religious Director at Whittier, reports plans of the Young People's Societies for sending a representative from their groups on the trip to Japan and Korea to be conducted by Paul Waterhouse next summer. The Societies will help to pay the expenses of their delegate. This trip will be a wonderful opportunity for students of college age to gain first hand information of the Orient. The party is limited to nine young men and nine young women. Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Gaylord will act as chaperons. The total cost per person for eleven weeks of travel is only $500. For further information communicate with Mr. Waterhouse at the Conference office.